



Summer Food Service Program



Bulletin

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USDA Policy Memos, Information & Implementation Memos:

To view previous USDA policy memos, visit:
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/policy>

Additional Topics:

- 2015 SFSP Debrief Survey
- Transitioning from SFSP to CACFP
- Economic Impact of Hunger
- Grant Opportunities for Sponsors
- Upcoming Webinars & Conference Calls

Program changes as a result of USDA Policy Memos are to be implemented immediately. Please file this bulletin for reference, guidance and compliance with the Summer Food Service Program. Feel free to call the Child Nutrition Programs office if you need further clarification.

Additional Topics

- **2015 SFSP Debrief Survey**
Summer 2015 was a win! Time for next year's planning to begin! Please take a few moments to fill out the survey and share feedback about your organization's SFSP this year. We value your feedback and use this information to plan for the next program year. Any information provided is helpful. You can find the survey [here](#). **Please complete by September 15th!**
- **Transitioning from SFSP to CACFP**
In an effort to ensure that all children have access to the healthy foods they need to thrive year-round, USDA-FNS has increased flexibilities for existing SFSP sponsors interested in operating the At-Risk Component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). FNS encourages successful SFSP sponsors to continue to provide meals and snacks to children in their communities in the fall, winter, and spring by transitioning to the At-Risk Afterschool Meals.

The benefits of operating both Programs can extend to everyone:

- SPONSORS experience increased financial stability, benefitting from a consistent source of funding and a year-round staffing structure.
- The COMMUNITY benefits from an increased flow of Federal dollars.
- And, most importantly, CHILDREN benefit from year-round source of nutritious meals.

FNS has streamlined the application and agreement process for SFSP sponsors currently in good standing with the Program. Sponsors interested in transitioning can learn about these and other flexibilities by reading guidance on transitioning to the At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program: http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/CACFP12_SFSP14-2013.pdf.

- **Economic Impact of Hunger**

USDA's national partner, Share Our Strength, recently released a report assessing the economic impact of summer hunger. The report, "Summer Hunger is Too Expensive to Ignore," included several important findings:

- Families spend an additional \$300 on groceries during the summer months.
- Schools spend \$1540 "re-teaching" students struggling with summer learning loss.
- Stopping the learning loss could save up to \$50.6 billion nationwide.

To view the full report, please visit:

https://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/sites/default/files/resources/NKH_MicroReport_02_SummerHunger_Final.pdf

- **Grant Opportunities for Sponsors**

Additional funding sources can help sponsors enhance outreach efforts, improve the nutritional quality of meals, provide free meals for adults, purchase supplies for site activities, hire paid interns or staff, and cover the other costs that come with operating a top-notch Summer Meals Program. In addition to pursuing the national grant opportunities listed below, sponsors are encouraged to check with local foundations to see what funding is available in their area.

Keep these tips in mind before sending in your application:

- Make sure you qualify, and that the grant is relevant to your Program.
- Follow the submissions guidelines, including formatting and content requirements, carefully.
- Include appropriate background and context.
- Be clear and concise when describing your work.
- Highlight real-life examples of your "Summer Meals Success."
- Include specific outputs and outcomes, such as participation numbers.
- Ask colleagues, family members, and friends to review the application.

National Grant Opportunities are highlighted below:

- Aetna Foundation (Hunger Relief; Nutrition)
<https://www.aetna-foundation.org/grants-partnerships/recent-grants.html>
- Arby's Hometown Heroes Grant (Hunger Relief)
<http://arbysfoundation.org/how-we-help/>
- Bank of America Foundation (Hunger Relief)
<http://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact/charitable-foundation-funding.html#fbid=UYUq7wipLt/hashlink=housing>
- Champions of Health Kids Grants (Nutrition)
<http://www.eatrightfoundation.org/foundation/championgrants/>
- Cigna Foundation (Health; Equity)
<https://secure17.easymatch.com/cignagive/applications/agency/default.aspx?Skip=Guideline&programid=2>
- ConAgra Foods Foundation (Hunger Relief)
<http://www.conagrafoods.com/our-company/our-commitment/foundation>
- Ford Foundation (Poverty Relief)
<http://www.fordfoundation.org/grants/organizations-seeking-grants>
- Kroger Foundation (Hunger Relief)
http://www.thekrogerco.com/corpnews/corpnewsinfo_charitablegiving_foundation.htm
- Land O'Lakes Foundation (Hunger Relief)

<http://www.landolakesinc.com/company/corporateresponsibility/foundation/communitygrants/giving/default.aspx>

- NIFA Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program (Hunger Relief)
<http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/community-food-projects-competitive-grants-program-cfpcgp>
- PNC Foundation (Health; Poverty Relief)
https://www1.pnc.com/pncfoundation/foundation_grantProcess.html
- RKG Foundation (Community Improvement; Youth Development)
<http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines>
- Robert McCormick Foundation (Hunger Relief)
<http://www.mccormickfoundation.org/grantmaking-approach?>
- The Safeway Fund (Hunger Relief)
<http://www.safewayfoundation.org/get-funded/what-we-fund.html>
- Tyson Foods Foundation (Hunger Relief)
<http://www.tysonfoods.com/Ways-We-Care/Giving-Back/Corporate-Grant-Funding.aspx>
- USDA RD Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Programs (Community Improvement)
<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/programs-services-communities-nonprofits>
- Wal-Mart Foundation (Hunger Relief)
<http://foundation.walmart.com/our-focus/hunger/>

- **Upcoming Webinars & Conference Calls**

- **FRAC – Debriefing Summer and Setting the Scene for Next Year: Thursday, September 3rd at 9:00AM**
Early fall is the perfect time to debrief with partners on what worked and what didn't this summer. This call will cover ways to look back and evaluate your summer nutrition program's challenges and successes and use the knowledge to increase participation next year. To register, please click [here](#).
- **FRAC – Engaging Elected Officials: Thursday, October 1st at 9:00AM**
Engaging local, state, and national elected officials is a great way to promote and strengthen your summer meals sites. Learn how elected officials can help to get the word out to their constituents, visit summer meal sites, and work with partners to increase children's access to summer nutrition. To register, please click [here](#).

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Commonly Used Acronyms

SFSP – Summer Food Service Program
CNP – Child Nutrition Programs
WRO – Western Region Office
FNS – Food & Nutrition Services
FNSRO-Food & Nut Services Reg. Office
USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture
EED – Education & Early Development
DEC – Department of Conservation
LEA – Local Education Agency



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